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concept of race is not that well-defined. Perhaps, though, you may understand that I feel sorrow that any person here should find him or herself a victim of ignorance, cruelty, or prejudice. I regret you have had to have such publicity and loss of privacy, as well as an earlier loss of freedom to enroll.

I was an exchange teacher in Europe last year and, for the first time, experienced the ugliness and unfairness of discrimination. It horrifies me to

October 2, 1962.

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Meredith,

The news of what is happening in Mississippi comes as we, university students in the North, are also registering for courses and are making plans for a future which will that much more meaningful because of the educational background which we hold to be valuable.

It seems so utterly wrong - what you have been going through - and many people, like I, admire your courage. I can't apologize for Americans: we're all Americans. I can't apologize for race because the very

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hear of this happening within my own country. I hope that your courageous action makes discrimination that much less possible in the future.

There is a wide and sincere group of people here who are morally behind you. I am only one of the many, as you must know.

You are always welcome in my apartment if you visit Cambridge or Boston.

Sincerely yours,
(Miss) Frances Jacobs